

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Verrier *et al.*

Appl. No. (to be assigned)

(this is a divisional of U.S. Patent
Application No. 09/296,285 filed April 22,
1999)

Filed: herewith

For: **Kit for Transvenously Accessing
the Pericardial Space Via the
Right Atrium** (as amended)

Art Unit: (to be assigned)

Examiner: (to be assigned)

Atty. Docket: 1565.0020002

Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application 09/296,285, filed April 22, 1999. **It is respectfully requested that this preliminary amendment be entered prior to calculation of the claim fees and prior to examination of this application.**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Kindly enter the following Amendment prior to calculation of the claim fees and prior to examination of this application:

1565.0020002-50

Amendment

In the Title:

Please delete "Method and" prior to the word "Kit", so that the title is now "Kit for Transvenously Accessing the Pericardial Space via the Right Atrium".

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph following the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" heading with the following:

--This application is a divisional of commonly owned co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/296,285, filed April 22, 1999, entitled "Method and Kit for Transvenously Accessing the Pericardial Space via the Right Atrium," which is a continuation-in-part of commonly owned U.S. Patent Application No. 08/841,344, (now U.S. Patent No. 5,968,010), entitled "Method for Transvenously Accessing the Pericardial Space via the Right Atrium," which is incorporated herein by reference.--

In the Claims:

Please **cancel** claims 1-29 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the inventions recited therein.

Remarks

Claims 30-41 are pending in this application, with claims 30 and 40 being independent. Claims 1-29 are sought to be canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the inventions recited therein. Applicants have requested that the above amendment be entered prior to calculation of the claim fees and prior to examination of this application.

Consideration of this Application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



Jeffrey R. Kurin
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 41,132

Date: 1/26/01

1100 New York Avenue, N.W.
Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934
(202) 371-2600

P:\USERS\JKURIN\1565.002\0020002\prelimamend
SKGF Rev. 5/10/00